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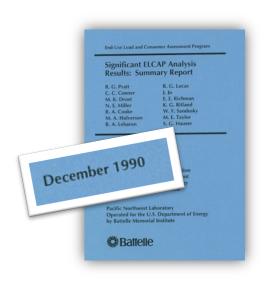
# Today's agenda

- Opening remarks from David Nemtzow, U.S. Department of Energy's Building Technologies Office Director
- Project Overview, Methodology, and Results
- How to Access the End-Use Load Profiles Dataset
- Conclusion
- Q&A

# Motivation and Overview



## Problem







A national end-use submetering study to develop end-use load profiles (EULP) covering all building types and end uses would be prohibitively expensive.

## Project Team

The 3-year project was funded by DOE Building Technologies Office, with cost-share provided by NYSERDA and MassCEC, and in-kind contributions from EPRI, data partners, and TAG members.

**DOE National Laboratories** 







### Industry Partners







60 other organizations represented on technical advisory group

In-kind participation by 62 organizations

# Technical Advisory Group







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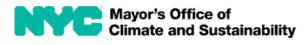






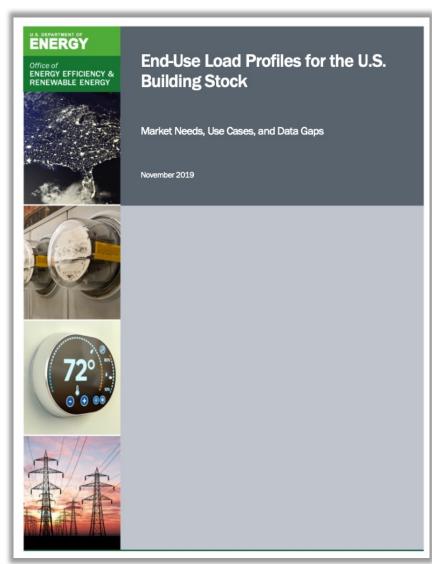






## **EULP Use Cases**

- Identified 60 EULP use cases
- 10 most mentioned use cases were prioritized
  - Electricity Resource Planning
  - Energy Efficiency Planning
  - Policy and Rate Design
  - Transmission and Distribution System Planning
  - Program Impact Evaluation
  - Demand-Response Planning
  - Improved Building Energy Modeling
  - Electrification Planning
  - Emissions Analysis
  - PV Planning
- Use cases informed data requirements for modeling
- See Market Needs, Use Cases, and Data Gaps report and webinar for details

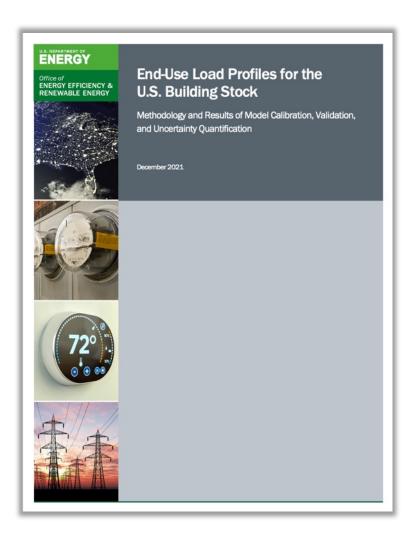


# Methodology

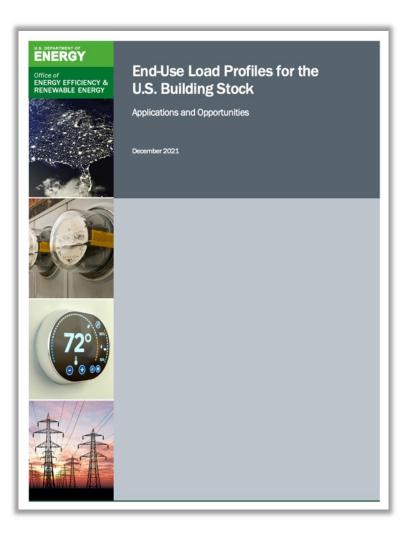


## Two reports coming this winter

### Methodology and Results



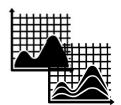
#### Applications and Opportunities



## Approach



900,000 physics-simulation models statistically representing the U.S. building stock



Calibrated and validated with the best-available load data

- 2.3 million meters of data from 11 utilities
- 15 end-use metering datasets



70+ model improvements, supported by building stock data



Published accuracy and uncertainty metrics to inform user confidence

The novel approach delivers a nationally-comprehensive dataset, at a fraction of the cost of a national sub-metering study.

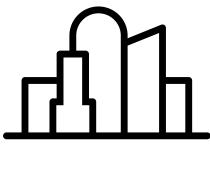
Calibrated models enable more accurate evaluation of "what-if" technology deployment impacts



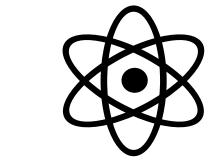
# 900,000 physics-simulation models statistically representing the U.S. building stock







Building stock characteristics database



Physics-based computer modeling



High-performance computing

- DOE-funded, NREL-developed models of the U.S. building stock
- 1,000s–100,000s of statistically representative physics-based building energy models (BEM)
- Leverage decades of DOE investment in BEM tools **EnergyPlus** and **OpenStudio**
- Produce hourly load profiles, but prior calibration had focused on annual energy consumption



## Calibrated and validated with the best-available load data Data Gathering Partners

We are grateful for these organizations who shared data, helped find data, or already had a data-sharing program in place!

Adams 12 Five Star Schools

**AES Indiana** 

Alliance Center

Ameren Missouri

**Bert Brains** 

Bonneville Power Administration

Center for Energy and Environment

Center for the Built Environment

Cherryland Electric Cooperative

City of Fort Collins Utilities & Colorado State

University

City of Tallahassee Utilities

Clarkson University

ComEd

DNV

ecobee

Ecotope

**Efficiency Maine** 

Elevate

**EPB** 

Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC)

Horry Electric Cooperative

Hot Water Research

kW Engineering

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory

Council

Massachusetts Program Administrators

National Rural Electric Cooperative

Association

**New City Energy** 

New York State Energy Research and

**Development Authority** 

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships

Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

**NV** Energy

PacifiCorp

Pecan Street

PEPCO & Exelon

Portland General Electric

Powerhouse Dynamics

Resource Central

Seattle City Light

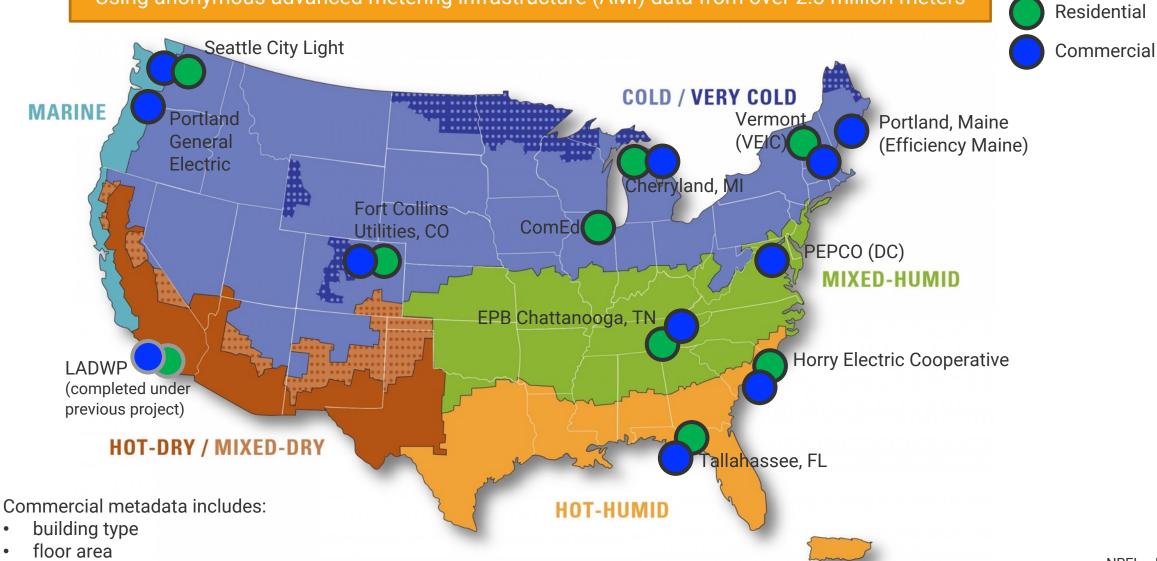
Southern Company

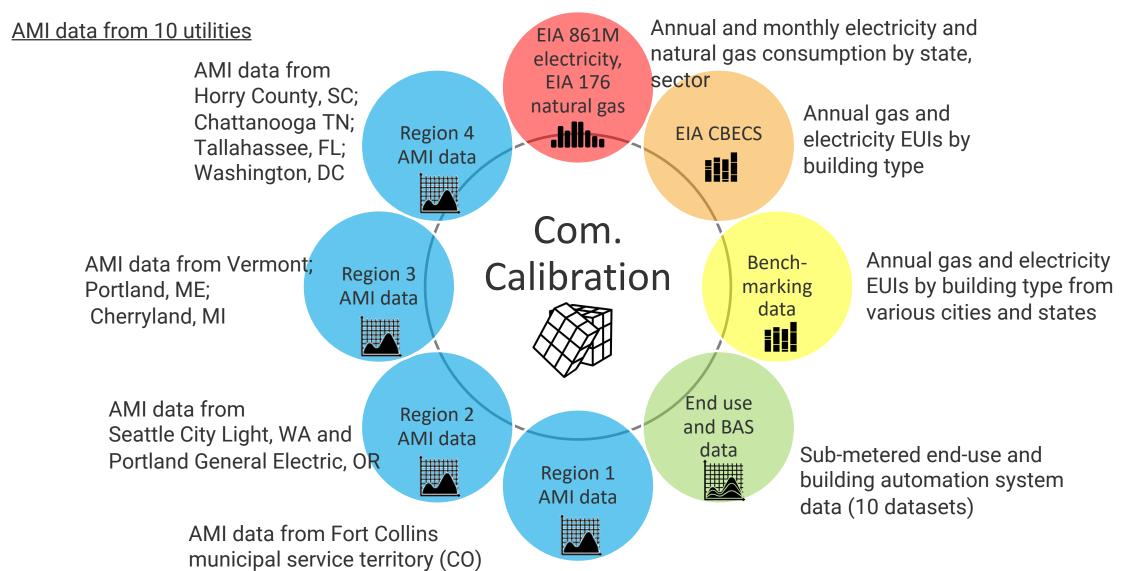
**VEIC & Green Mountain Power** 

Xcel Energy

## Calibrated and validated with the best-available load data Utility meter data and metadata

Using anonymous advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) data from over 2.3 million meters





#### AMI data from 8 utilities

AMI data from Vermont: Cherryland, MI

AMI data from Electric Power Board of Chattanooga, TN, Horry Electric (SC), and City of Tallahassee, FL

AMI data from Seattle City Light, WA

AMI data from Fort Collins municipal service territory (CO)

Annual electric sales of all utilities in U.S. **EIA Form** EIA 861m 861 Region 5 electricity. 000 natural gas AMI data sector data .lill. EIA RECS Region 4 modeled Res. AMI data end uses Calibration Region 3 **Submetered** AMI data end uses Utility load Region 2 research AMI data data (LRD) Region 1 AMI data

Annual and monthly electricity and natural gas consumption by state,

> Annual end-use loads of occupied dwelling units

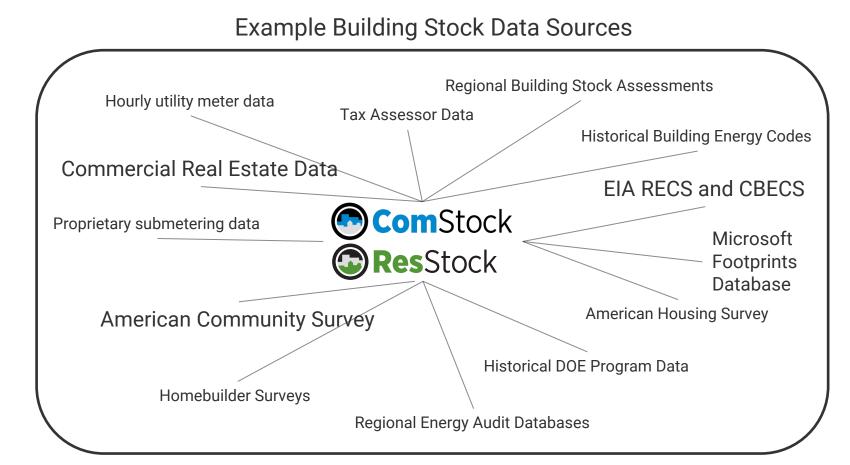
- Building type
- Climate zone
- Fuel (electricity, natural gas, propane, fuel oil)

Sub-metered end-use load data (5 datasets)

Hourly residential sector load profiles for 16 utilities around U.S.

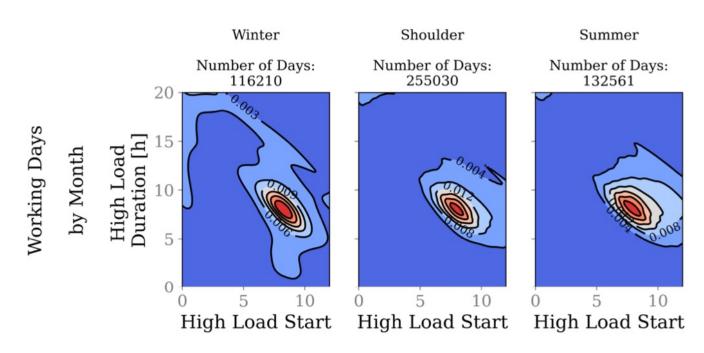
#### Calibration

- <u>Not</u> automated tuning to minimize error
- Found and analyzed stock data with increased accuracy, diversity, or resolution
- All model updates will be thoroughly documented in forthcoming report



- Extracted probability distributions for commercial building hours of operation from seven datasets of meter data
- For example, most small office buildings start operation of lights, HVAC, etc. between 7 am and 11 am and the operation lasts 5–10 hours:

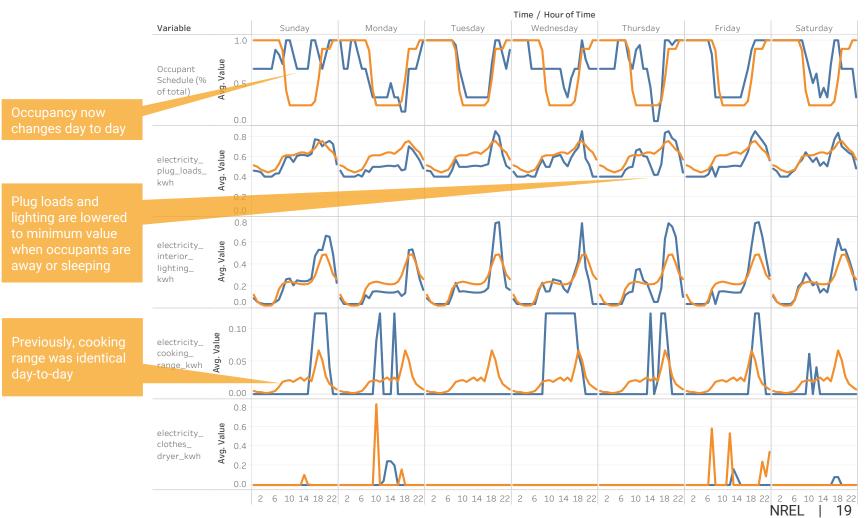
#### Small\_office by Season





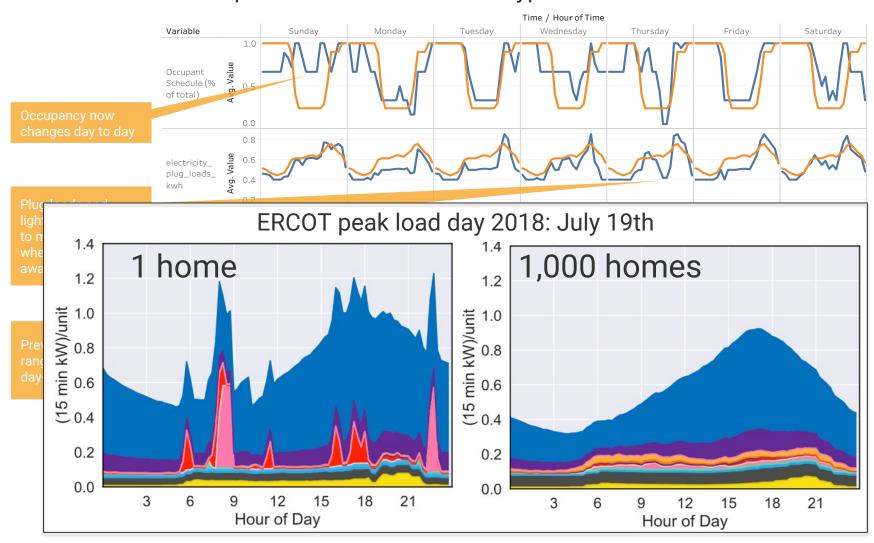
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- Validated against submetered end-use data

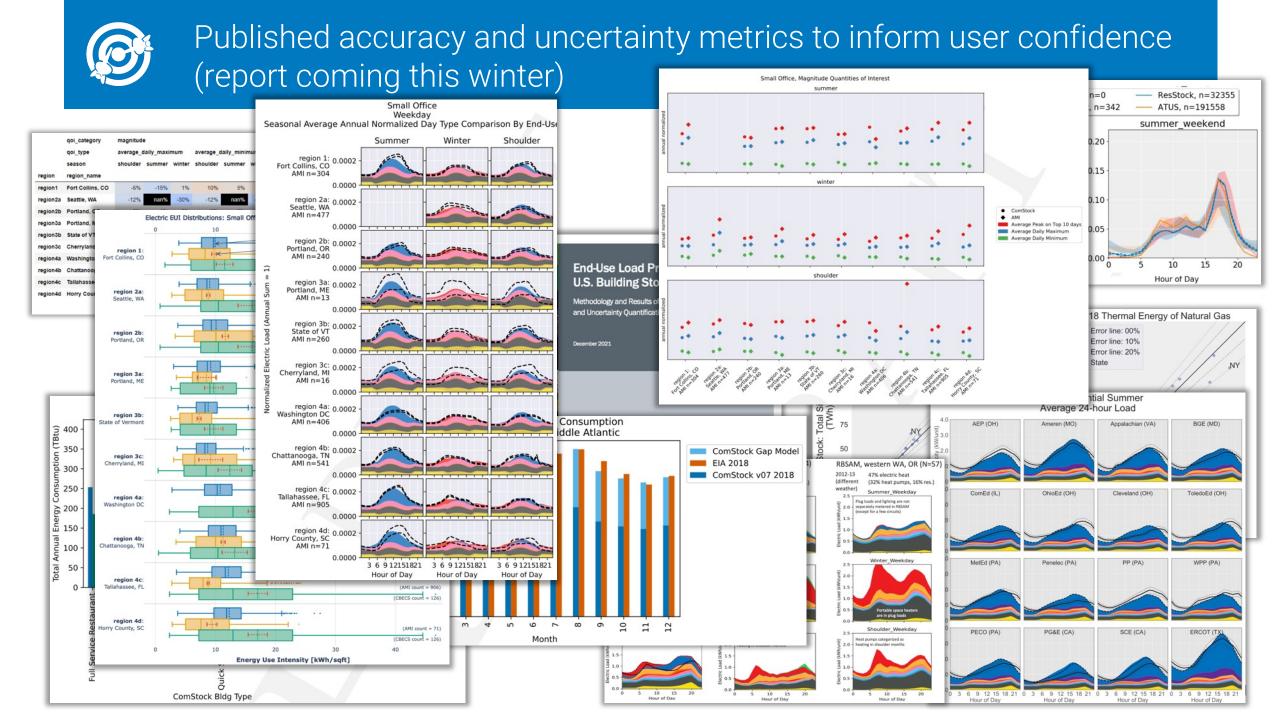
#### Example Before and After for a typical week in one household



- Developed new occupant behavior model
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- Validated against submetered end-use data
- Captures more realistic individual household behavior, and how that diversity smooths out in aggregate

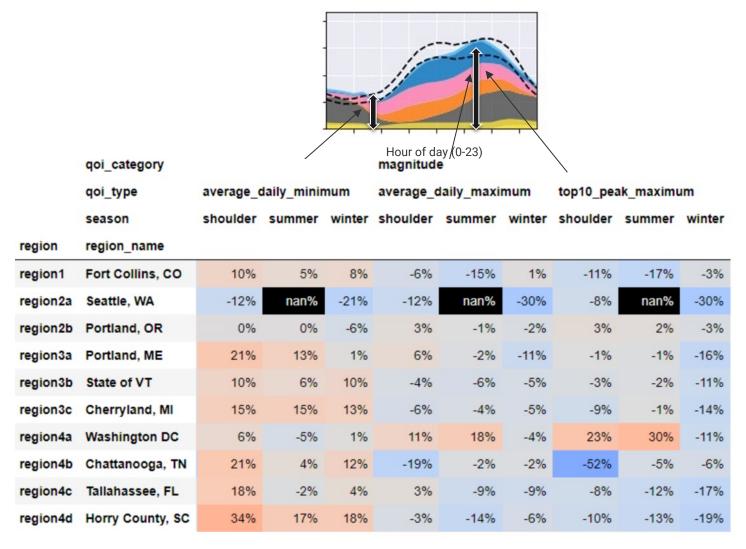
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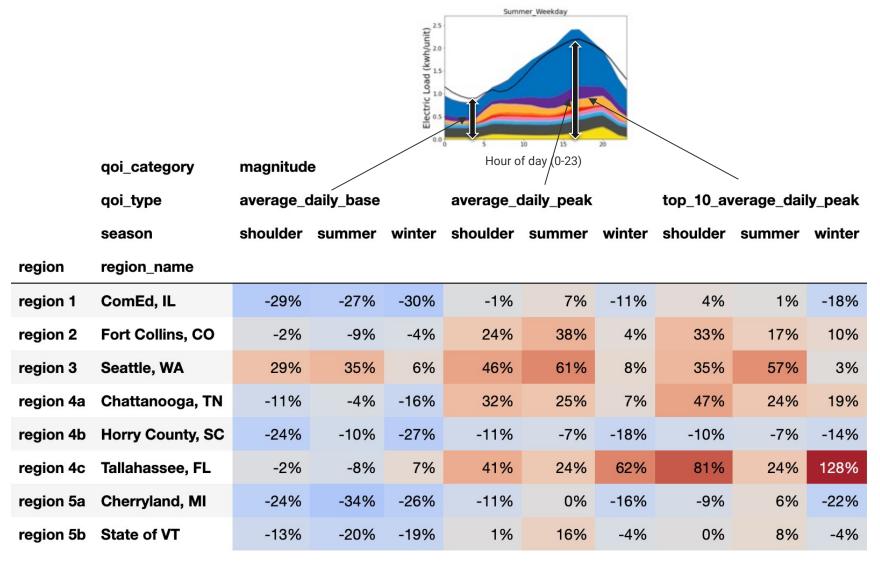


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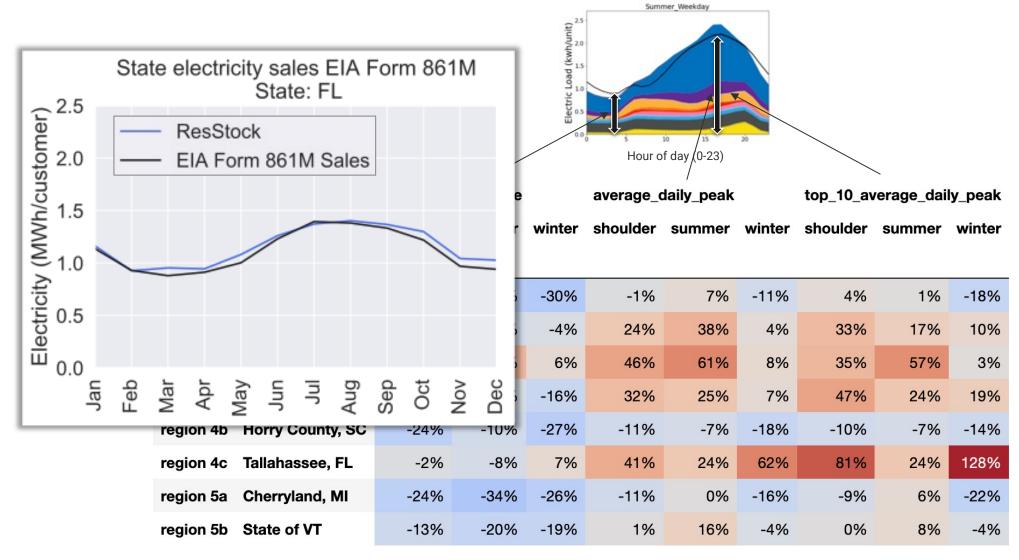


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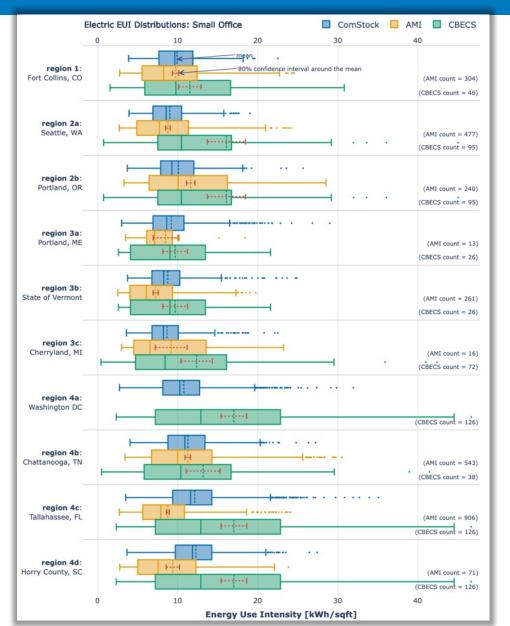


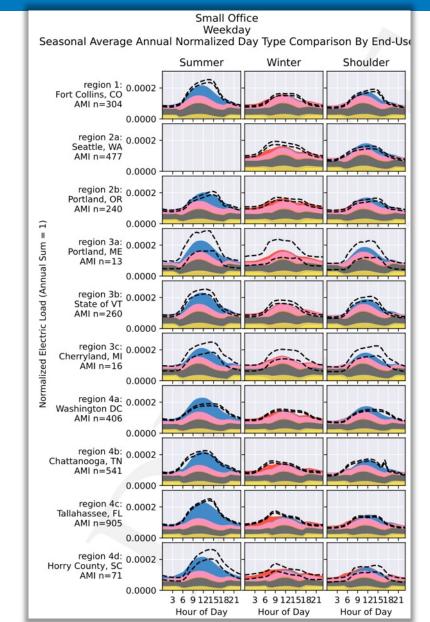
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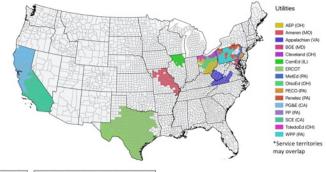
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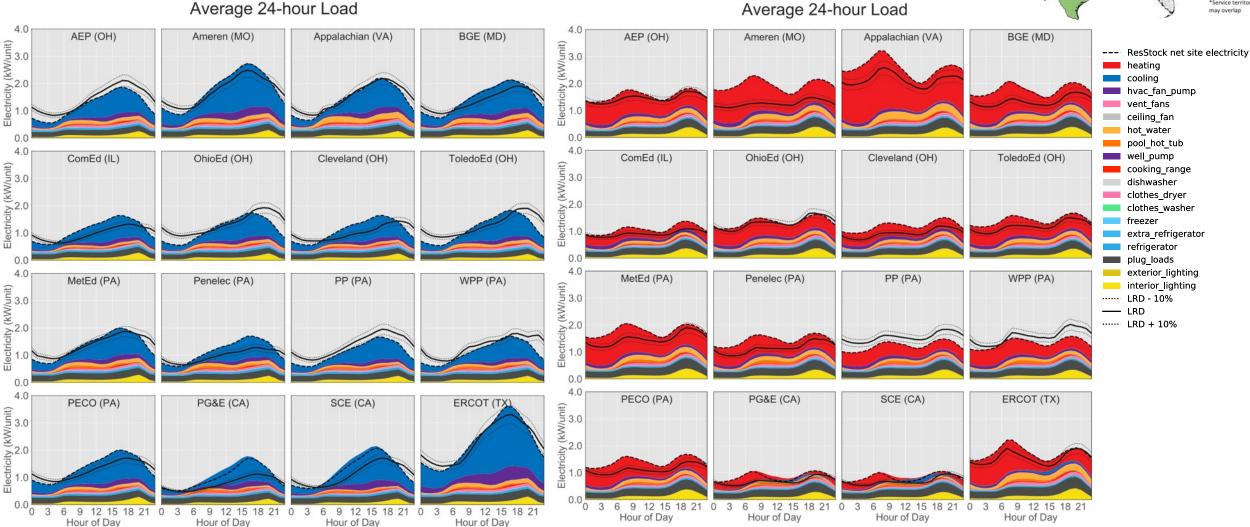


# Example validation comparisons Residential meter data



2018 Residential Winter

#### 2018 Residential Summer Average 24-hour Load

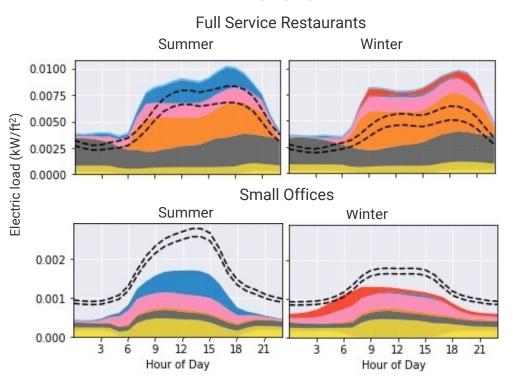




### Commercial Example:

Avg. Weekday, Fort Collins, CO



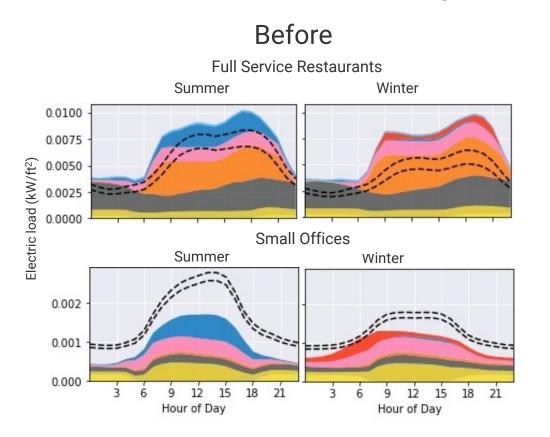


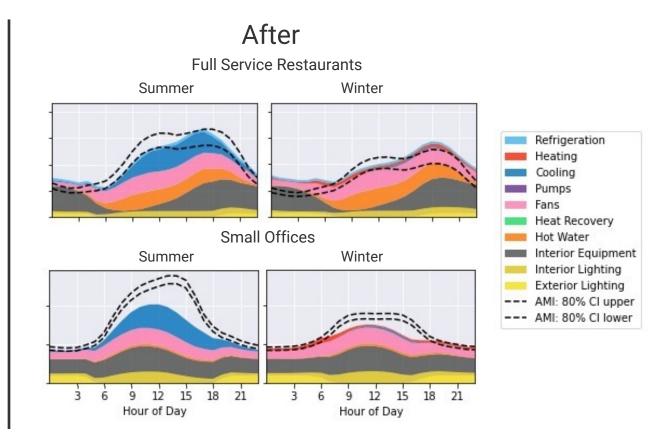




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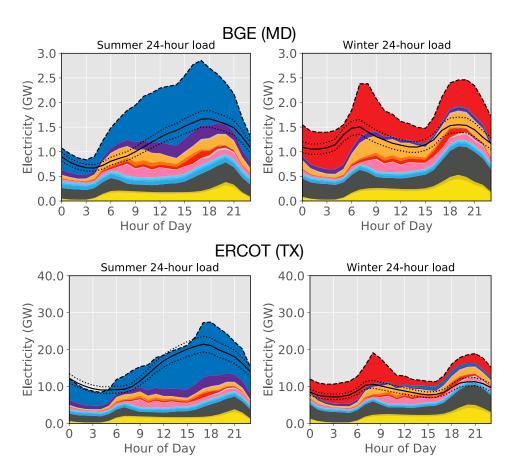






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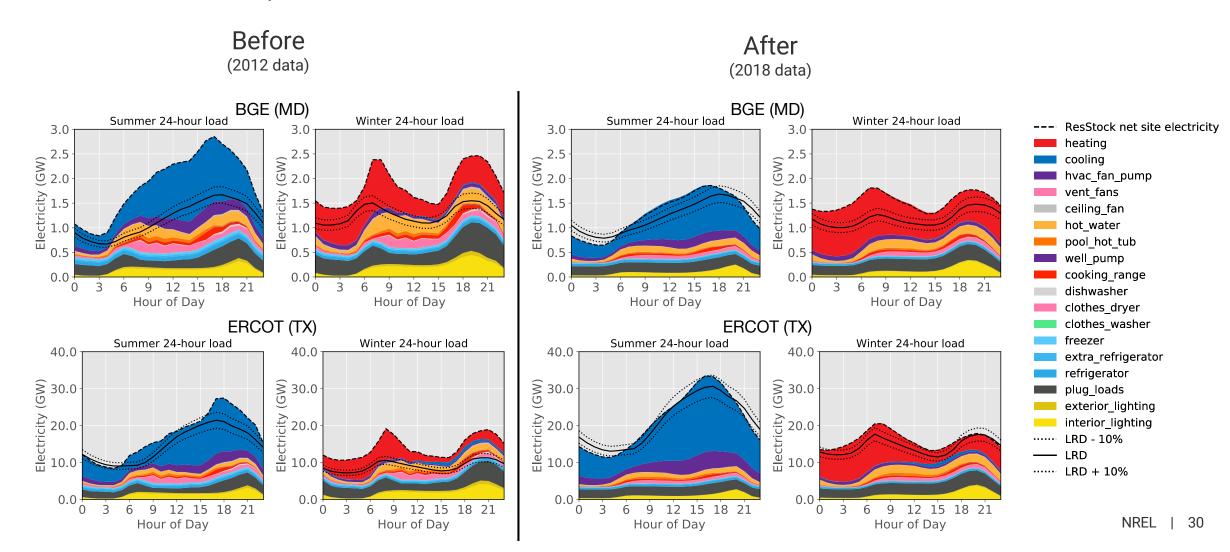








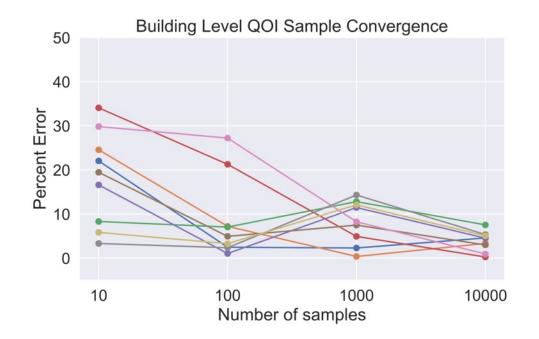
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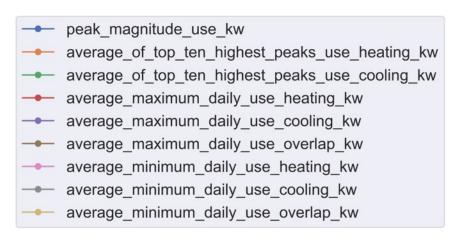




## How much uncertainty is there in the results?

- Developed and applied a first-of-its-kind approach to quantifying uncertainty in building stock models
- Used machine learning surrogate models to evaluate millions of permutations of model inputs in order to propagate input uncertainty ranges through to outputs; e.g.,
  - ResStock: 5-12% uncertainty in peak magnitude
  - ComStock: 4-11% uncertainty in peak magnitude
- Uncertainty due to sampling is in the 0-15% range for quantities of interest (higher in smaller aggregations using <1,000 models)





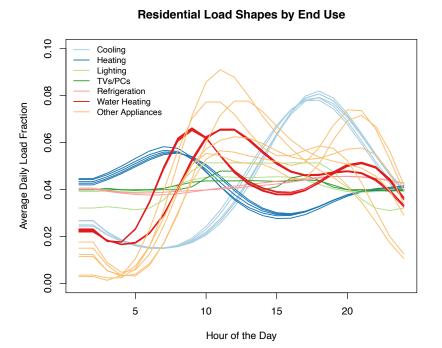
Sample convergence plot for the magnitude building level QOIs Percent error is relative to result with 100,000 samples

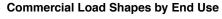


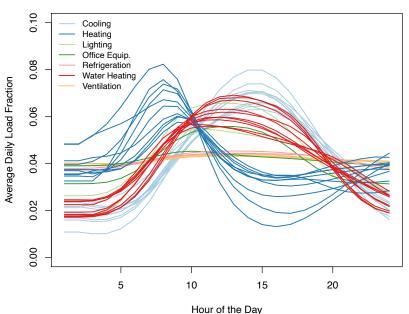
## How do the results compare to previously available national data?

#### **EPRI Load Shape Library – End Use**

- Collected from a range of sources dating back to 2000
- "Users should treat the LSL data as a sample reference.
   Confidence and precision levels of the data are unknown."
- Shapes, not magnitudes
- 24-hours for 6 day types













## How do the results compare to previously available national data?

#### "Commercial and Residential Hourly Load Profiles for all TMY3 Locations in the United States" on OpenEl.org

- From a 10-year-old solar energy analysis
- Widely used by industry and academia (368 citations)
- Commercial: 16 ASHRAE 90.1-2004 EnergyPlus Prototype Models simulated in all TMY3 locations
- Residential: 3 IECC 2009 EnergyPlus models simulated in all TMY3 locations

#### Both OpenEl.org datasets

- Represent just one construction vintage
- Lack diversity in characteristics and operation (e.g., no electric space heating outside of Hot-Humid, no AC in all marine climates)
- Individual building profiles; can't be used to understand aggregate load impacts

# How to access the dataset



## Visit the Project Website for...

#### nrel.gov/buildings/end-use-load-profiles.html

#### **Dataset Access**

At the most fundamental level, this dataset is the output of approximately 900,000 (550,000 ResStock plus 350,000 ComStock) building energy models. The output of each building energy model is 1 year of energy consumption in 15-minute intervals, separated into end-use categories. The dataset has also been formatted to be accessible in three ways—via pre-aggregated load profiles in downloadable spreadsheets, a web viewer, and a detailed format that can be queried with big data tools—to meet the needs of many different users and use cases.

- (+) Pre-Aggregated Load Profiles in Downloadable Spreadsheets
- + Web Data Viewers
- + Full Dataset of Individual Building/Dwelling Unit Load Profiles
- Building Energy Models

#### **Technical Advisory Group**

A technical advisory group guided the dataset development to ensure that the direction and outcomes of the work were aligned with market needs. The technical advisory group included roughly 100 representatives from organizations that were likely to use the resulting load profiles in their work, including utility companies, utility program implementers, grid operators, consultancies, research centers, state regulatory agencies, and regional energy efficiency organizations.

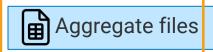
Technical advisory group presentations are available for the dates below:

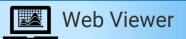
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May 26, 2020 🖪	Nov. 27, 2018 🖪

#### Frequently Asked Questions

- + Are these load profiles measured or simulated?
- + What do the end-use categories mean?
- How are the residential and commercial building types defined?
- What year do the profiles represent?
- + What day of the week do the profiles start on?
- What if I want other weather years?
- (+) Can I use the profiles as load savings shapes (i.e., time of saving energy)?
- (+) Can I use the profiles to analyze building electrification with heat pumps?
- (+) Do the profiles include the effects of COVID-19?
- + How do I know what weather data is associated with each profile?
- + Can I use just one profile for a location?
- (+) What is the difference between load shapes and load profiles?
- (+) Can you share the utility meter data that you used for calibration and validation?
- Where does information on the building stock come from and how does it get assigned to each location?
- + How should I cite the dataset?

# Pre-aggregated Load Profiles



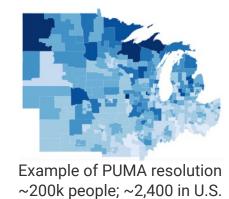




Pre-aggregated EULPs by building type for:

- U.S. States (contiguous)
- ASHRAE Climate Zones
- DOE Building America Climate Zones
- Electric System ISOs
- U.S. Census Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMA)\*
- U.S. Counties





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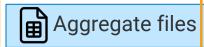
- CSV files (for Excel, etc. ease of use)
- Two years: 2018 and TMY3 weather

#### Additional Data:

- Count of models included per aggregation
- List of model IDs per aggregation
- Model characteristics by ID

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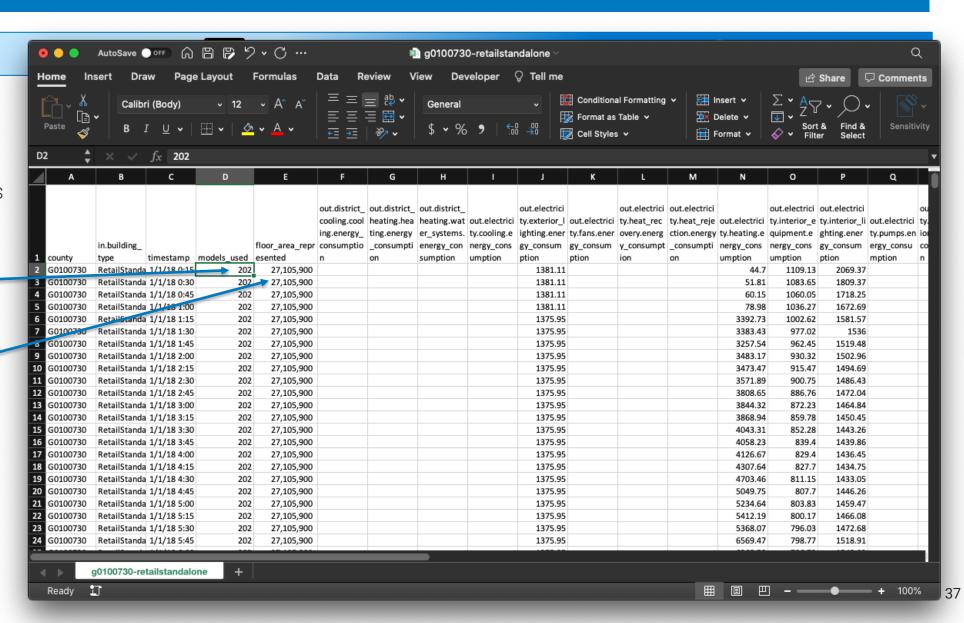
## Pre-aggregated Load Profiles



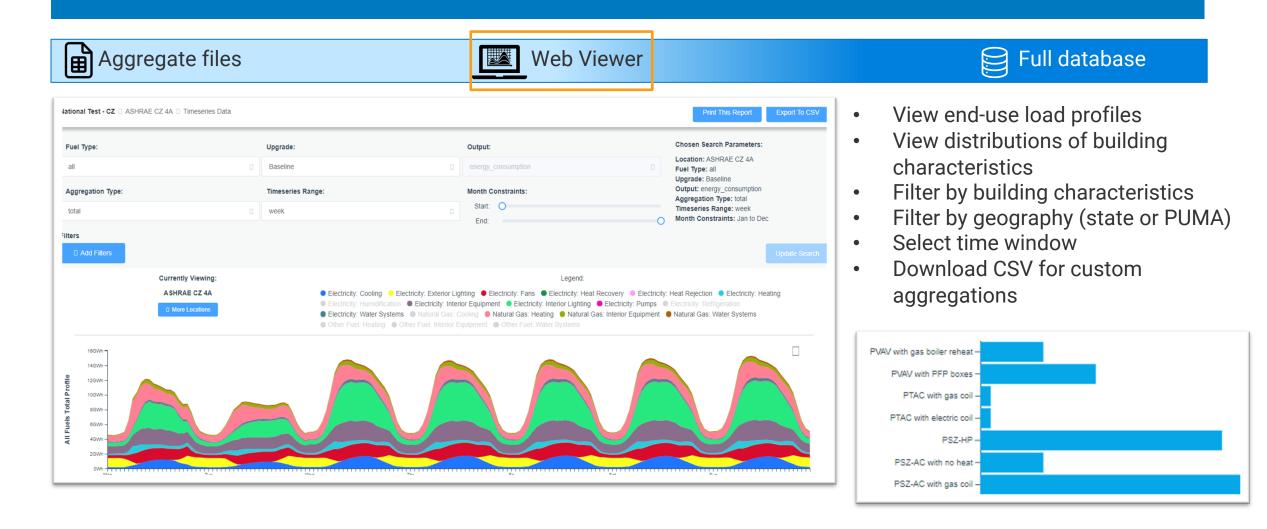
Example pre-aggregated file for Jefferson County, AL (Birmingham), retail buildings

Results based on 202 building energy models

Results represent 27M ft<sup>2</sup> of retail space



# Web Viewer (beta)



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Building Characteristics

State Fact Sheets Publications

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#### Datasets

#### ResStock National Load Profiles by State 2018

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· public

#### ResStock National Load Profiles by PUMA South 2018

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· public

### Northeast 2018 ResStock National Load Profiles by PUMA Northeast

Profiles by PUMA

ResStock National Load

video

#### ResStock National Load Profiles by PUMA West 2018

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· public

#### ResStock National Load Profiles by PUMA Midwest 2018

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#### ResStock National Load Profiles by PUMA Northeast TMY

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#### ResStock National Load Profiles by PUMA Midwest TMY

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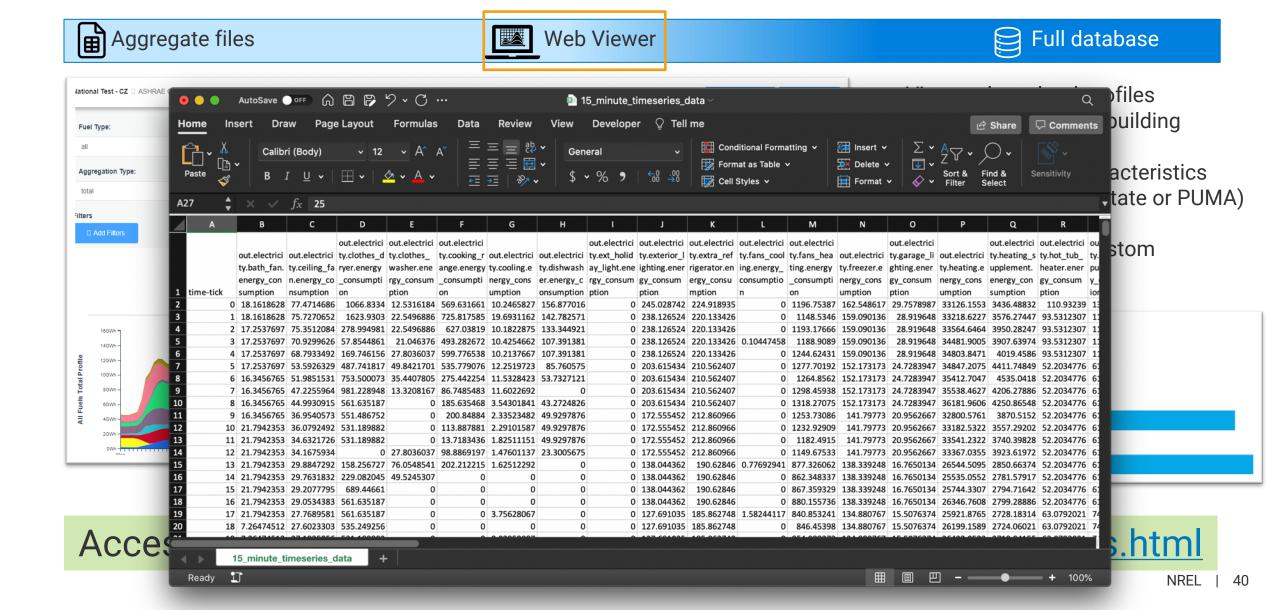
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#### ResStock National Load Profiles by PUMA South **TMY**

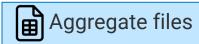
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## Full Database - Load Profiles & Models







#### Individual Building End Use Load Profiles

- 550,000 residential dwelling units
- 350,000 commercial buildings
- Full dataset is 16 terabytes
- Will provide instructions for loading this dataset using one cloud-based big-data analysis tool

#### Format:

- Folders with a series of Apache parquet\* files
- In Amazon S3 bucket or similar
- Two years: 2018 and TMY3 weather

#### **Additional Data:**

- Model characteristics by ID
- Models in OpenStudio (.osm) form of
- Weather data (TMY3 and 2018)

Access the dataset at: <a href="mailto:nrel.gov/buildings/end-use-load-profiles.html">nrel.gov/buildings/end-use-load-profiles.html</a>

# Conclusion



## Next Steps

- Sign up to receive updates about the project at: <u>nrel.gov/buildings/end-use-load-profiles.html</u>
- Access the end-use load profiles and let us know if you have questions: load.profiles@nrel.gov
- Forthcoming reports will be posted on NREL and LBNL's websites
  - End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock: Methodology and Results
    of Model Calibration, Validation, and Uncertainty Quantification
  - End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock: Applications and Opportunities
- We will reach out in Q1 of 2022 with follow-up information and questions
- Stay tuned: End-use savings shapes
- Poll questions

## Publications and software

#### **Publications**

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#### Software

OpenStudio Occupant Variability Gem and Non Routine Variability Gem (more info at IBPSA newsletter)

## Presentations

- Technical Advisory Group (TAG) presentations (2019-2021) <u>Berkeley Lab</u> and <u>National Renewable Energy Lab</u> websites.
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- A. Parker. May 2021. Efficiency Exchange 2021 Conference. Northwest End Use Load Research: How three Organizations are Using the Data.
- E. Wilson. August 2020. Efficiency Exchange Webinar. Valuing Capacity Savings.
- E. Wilson. December 2019. E Source interview. <u>Exploring business customer nuances</u>.
- E. Present. October 2019. Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) webinar. <u>Introducing End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. and the Northeast.</u>
- E. Wilson. May 2019. Building Technologies Office Peer Review. <u>End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock</u>.

# Questions?

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